

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

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Dan Cohen, Treasurer
Association of Trial Lawyers of America
Political Action Committee
1050 31st Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20007

OCT 02 2002

Identification Number: C00024521

Reference: August Monthly Report (7/1/02-7/31/02)

Dear Mr. Cohen:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

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Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-The totals listed on Lines 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 19, and 20, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your calculations for Line 6(c), Column B appear to be incorrect. FEC calculations disclose this amount(s) to be \$1,575,238.67. Please provide the corrected total(s) on the Summary Page.

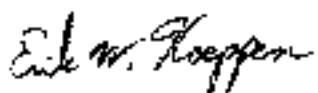
-Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash-on-hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year-to-date cash-on-hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above

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problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Erik W. Koeppen
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE A (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

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 Any Information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions
 or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Association of Trial Lawyers of America Political Action Committee

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial):

A. Mailing Address
 225 Broadway, #3003
 City State Zip Code
 New York NY 10007-3001

FEC ID number of contributing
federal political committee.Name of Employer
Goldblatt & Associates

Occupation

Law Firm

Receipt For:

Aggregate Year-to-Date

Primary <input type="checkbox"/>	General <input type="checkbox"/>	2916.62
Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/>		

Date of Receipt

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Amount of Each Receipt this Period

416.66

Partnership

Transaction ID: R93270

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial):

B. Kenneth B. Goldblatt, Esq.
 Mailing Address
 15 Habitat Lane
 City State Zip Code
 Courtland Manor NY 10587

FEC ID number of contributing
federal political committee.Name of Employer
Goldblatt & Associates

Occupation

Attorney

Receipt For:

Aggregate Year-to-Date

Primary <input type="checkbox"/>	General <input type="checkbox"/>	2916.62
Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/>		

Date of Receipt

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Amount of Each Receipt this Period

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[MEMO ITEM]

Transaction ID: R93269

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial):

C. Mailing Address
 2100 U.S. Bank Tower 425 Walnut Street
 City State Zip Code
 Cincinnati OH 45202

FEC ID number of contributing
federal political committee.Name of Employer
The Lawrence Firm, LPA.

Occupation

Law Firm

Receipt For:

Aggregate Year-to-Date

Primary <input type="checkbox"/>	General <input type="checkbox"/>	5000.00
Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/>		

Date of Receipt

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Amount of Each Receipt this Period

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Partnership

Transaction ID: R90336

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Association of Trial Lawyers of America Political Action Committee

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)			Date of Receipt
A. Mr. Richard D. Lawrence, Esq.			10/4/2002
Mailing Address			Amount of Each Receipt This Period
320 Sunny Acres Dr.			5000.00
City	State	Zip Code	
Cincinnati	OH	45255-9904	
FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.			
Name of Employer	Occupation		[MEMO ITEM]
The Lawrence Firm	Attorney		
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Association of Trial Lawyers of America Political Action Committee

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) A. Mr. John G. Landrieu, Esq. Mailing Address 4831 West Valley Dr. City State Zip Code Fairview Park OH 44126-2848		Date of Receipt M M D D Y Y Y Y 01 18 2002
		Amount of Each Receipt this Period 250.00
		Contribution
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Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) B. Roger L. Langdon, Esq. Mailing Address 768 Highland City State Zip Code Lexington MO 64017-1236		Date of Receipt M M D D Y Y Y Y 01 09 2002
		Amount of Each Receipt this Period 999.96
		Contribution
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		Transaction ID: R60564
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) C. Mr. Richard D. Lawrence, Esq. Mailing Address 320 Sunny Acres Dr. City State Zip Code Cincinnati OH 45255-3804		Date of Receipt M M D D Y Y Y Y 01 09 2002
		Amount of Each Receipt this Period 5000.00
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